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**Re:** United States Patent Application No. 09/708,038  
**Title:** OPTICAL PAPER SORTING METHOD DEVICE AND  
 APPARATUS  
**Applicant:** Zaheer Khalfan et al.  
**Our File:** 1084-7/MBE

Further to my telephone messages last week, we have received a Notice of Abandonment in this application, which has been issued by the PTO in error. A response to the June 18, 2003 action indicated in the Notice of Abandonment was filed on September 16, 2003. A copy of our Response with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission, and the facsimile confirmation sheet showing the successful transmission of 10 pages on that date.

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Accordingly, please confirm that this application remains in good standing. Further action is respectfully requested.

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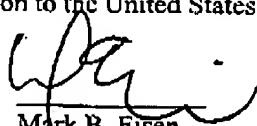
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